

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Revenue Department – Allegation of corruption of demand and acceptance of bribe against Sri Mallapu Ravindra Kumar, formerly Tahsildar, Peda vegi Mandal, West Godavari District-Trapped on 19.11.2008-Sanction of Prosecution Accorded – Orders- Issued.

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REVENUE (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

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G.O.Ms.No: 1220

Dated:01.12.2009

ORDER:

1. WHEREAS, Sri Mallapu Ravindra Kumar, S/o late Kondaiah worked as Tahsildar, Peda Vegi Mandal, West Godavari District from 26.12.2007 to 19.11.2008 and by virtue of the post held by him he falls under the category of a public servant as defined under section 2 © of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 ;
2. AND WHEREAS, Sri Mutyala Narayana Rao,S/o late Subbaiah is a resident of Ratnalakunta village, Peda Vegi Mandal, West Godavari District;
3. AND WHEREAS, it is alleged that Mutyala Narayana Rao inherited ac.5.90 of land from his father in Sy.No.59/1B, Ratnalakunta village, Pedavegi Mandal, West Godavari District and the said land was transferred in his name in the Revenue Records. Sri Mutyala Narayana Rao and other farmers Smt. Garikamukku Mahalakshmi and Sri G. Gangaraju jointly obtained a loan of Rs. 25,000/- from Agricultural Society, Vijayarai in the year 1986. Sri Mutyala Narayana Rao and Mahalakshmi repaid loan in the year 2005. The loan in respect of Gangaraju was waived off by the Government and the land documents were returned to them by the society. Sri Mutyala Narayana Rao submitted a representation on 14.10.2008 to Sri Mallapu Ravindra Kumar Tahsildar, Peda Vegi Mandal, West Godavari District with a request to issue Pattadar Pass Book and Title deed for the above said land in his favour. Since then he visited the Village Revenue Officer, Ratnalakunta and Tahsildar, Pedavegi many times. On 06.11.2008 village Revenue Officer, Ratnalakunta entered the details of the lands of Sri Mutyala Narayana Rao in Pattadar pass Book, Title Deed and 1 (A) form, signed and gave it to Sri Mutyala Narayana Rao and asked him to meet Sri Mallapu Ravindra Kumar for obtaining his signature. On 07.11.2008 Sri Mutyala Narayana Rao and his brother-in-law Sarveswara Rao met Sri Mallapu Ravindra Kumar, Tahsildar, Peda Vegi Mandal, West Godavri District in his office. Sri Mallapu Ravindra Kumar, who signed on 1 (A) form and gave it to Sri Mutyala Narayana Rao with instructions to get 1 (A) form filled by the V.R.O and to get copies of RSR and 10 (1) Adangal and to meet him at his residence. Accordingly, on 08.11.2008, Sri Mutyala Narayana Rao and his brother-in-law met Sri Mallapu Ravindra Kumar at his residence, Eluru. Then Sri Mallapu Ravindra Kumar demanded Sri Mutyala Narayana Rao to pay bribe of Rs.5,000/- for issuing the Pattadar Pass Books and to forward Title Deeds to Revenue Divisional officer. When Sri Mutyala Narayana Rao expressed his inability to pay the demanded bribe, Sri Mallapu Ravindra Kumar stated that he will not issue of Pattadar Pass Books. As Sri Mutyala Narayana Rao was not willing to pay the bribe amount he reported the same to the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Eluru Range on 14.11.2008, who entrusted the same to the Range Inspector for causing discreet enquiry. After receipt of report from Range Inspector, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Eluru registered the report of Sri Mutyala Narayana Rao as a case in Cr.No.21/RCT-EWG/2008 under section 7 & section 13 (1) (d) read with section 13 (2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on 19.11.2008 and arrangements were made for laying trap;
4. AND WHEREAS, having completed the pre-trap proceedings on 19.11.2008, the trap party consisting mediators, Sri Mutyala Narayana Rao (Complainant) accompanying witness Sri Garikamukku Sarveswara Rao, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Inspectors and other staff reached the vicinity of the residence of Sri Mallapu Ravindra Kumar situated in Eluru at about 6.50 PM, where he was successfully trapped and when the fingers of both hands of Sri Mallapu Ravindra Kumar were subjected to Sodium Carbonate solution test, the right hand fingers only yielded positive result. In pursuance of the statement given by Sri Mallapu Ravindra Kumar the tainted amount of Rs.5,000/- was recovered from his right side table drawer. On

verification the serial numbers of the recovered currency notes were found to tally with that of the serial numbers of the currency notes those were produced by Sri Mutyala Narayana Rao during pre trap proceedings. The Sodium Carbonate solution test conducted on the surface of the counter foil of SBI, dated 23.10.2008, which came into contact with the tainted amount yielded positive result. The Deputy Superintendent of police seized the tainted amount, Counter foil of S.B.I dated 23.10.2008, resultant solutions and remaining Sodium Carbonate powder for the purpose of further investigation;

AND WHEREAS, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Eluru arrested Sri Mallapu Ravindra Kumar, Tahsildar, Pedavegi Mandal, West Godavari District on 19.11.2008 and produced before the Spl. Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Vijayawada on 20.11.2008.. The Court remanded him for judicial custody. Subsequently he was released on bail and in response to the notice dated 05.03.2009, Sri Mallapu Ravindra Kumar, Tahsildar, Pedavegi Mandal, West Godavari District submitted his explanation dated 18.03.2009, in which he denied the demand and acceptance of bribe.

AND WHEREAS., the above said acts of Sri Mallapu Ravindra Kumar, Tahsildar, Pedavegi Mandal, West Godavari District constitute offences punishable under sections 7 and 13 (2) read with section 13 (1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Sri Mallapu Ravindra Kumar, Tahsildar, Pedavegi Mandal, West Godavari District from Government service, after fully and carefully examining the material ( i.e FIR, Mediator Names I & II, Gist of statement of witnesses, documents seized during post trap proceedings and other documents collected during the course of investigation etc.,) place before them in respect of the said allegation and having regard the facts and circumstances of the case consider that Sri Mallapu Ravindra Kumar, Tahsildar, Pedavegi Mandal, West Godavari District should be prosecuted in a Court of Law;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, the Government hereby accorded sanction for the Prosecution of Sri Mallapu Ravindra Kumar, Tahsildar, Pedavegi Mandal, West Godavari District for the above said offences punishable under sections 7 and 13 (2) read with sections 13 (1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provision of Law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

( BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH )

( ASUTOSH MISHRA )  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The Director General,  
Anti-Corruption Bureau,  
Hyderabad.

//FORWARDED BY::ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER